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# PARANESIDEA AND PAPILLATABAIRDIA (CRUSTACEA, OSTRACODA) FROM THE MIOCENE OF THE PORT PHILLIP AND WESTERN PORT BASINS, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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ABSTRACT: Three new bairdiid ostracode species are described, *Paranesidea barwonensis*, *Paranesidea epineritica*, and "*Paranesidea*" vadum from the late Early to early Middle Miocene Batesford Limestone, Fyansford and Sherwood Formations, south-central Victoria. The generic allocation of the last named species under *Paranesidea* rather than *Triebelina* is discussed. Their lithostratigraphic distributions indicate a shallow water palaeoecology. In addition, the first fossil occurrence of a species of *Papillatabairdia* is noted.

During the study of the ostraeode faunas from the late Early to early Middle Miocene formations within the Port Phillip and Western Port Basins (Figs 1, 2) the author found several new species belonging to the genus *Paranesidea* Maddoeks, 1969. These, together with the restrieted occurrence of species belonging to *Bairdoppilata*, make up a small, conspicuous element within the *Neonesidea*—dominated bairdiid ostraeode faunas abundant in the Batesford Limestone and shallower water faeies of the Fyansford and Sherwood Formations.

Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., although common in the Batesford Limestone, occurs more abundantly in the eonformable Fyansford Clay outeropping below the limit of Lepidocyclina in the Batesford Limestone Quarry (22 specimens). The Fyansford Clay below the upper limit of *Lepidocyclina* is transitional in lithology and depth of deposition between the very shallow water Batesford Limestone and other deeper. inner to mid-shelf (?) units of the Fyansford Clay, such as occurring above the upper limit of Lepidocyclina (Bowler 1963). Paranesidea barwonensis is significantly less abundant in these deeper water depositional units, but the presence of adults together with late and early stage instars suggests that it is also part of the biocenosis in the Fyansford Clay above the upper limit of Lepidocyclina. Two adult specimens were found within the outer shelf to epibathyal Balcombe Clay, the deepest water facies of the Fyansford Formation, at Manyung Rocks near Mornington, but because of a lack of juveniles they are here assumed to be part of the thanatoeenosis. Specimens are also common in the Flinders Limestone, considered to be part of the Sherwood Formation, outeropping on the coast near Flinders, Vietoria. Conformable with the Flinders Limestone is the broadly termed Sherwood Marl, this being the other lithostratigraphic component of the Sherwood Formation. Although the Sherwood Marl contains an abundant ostracod fauna, no specimens of Paranesidea barwonensis were recovered.

Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov. is rare in comparison to Paranesidea barwonensis. However, adults and mainly late stage instars were found in the Batesford and Flinders Limestones (10 specimens) and only juveniles in both the shallow and deeper water depositional units of the Fyansford Clay. "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov. is most abundant in the Batesford Limestone (14 specimens), but is also common within the transitional shallow water units of the Fyansford Clay outeropping below the upper limit of Lepidocyclina in the Batesford Limestone Quarry and is very rare in the deeper water units outcropping above the upper limit of Lepidocyclina. It is conspicuous in the Flinders Limestone, but rare in the Sherwood Marl. No early stage instars have been found although all the localities yield both adult and late stage instars excepting those of the Sherwood Marl where only single adult specimens have been found. The lack of early stage instars may be because this species is small, and also beeause specimens are generally found in the high energy shallow water facies. It is therefore inferred that early stage earapaces once shed, and no longer stabilized by the biological activity and weight of the living animal, were easily transported and/or destroyed. However, van den Bold (1974) in noting the rarity of early Triebelina moults (some species elosely resembling this new "paranesidean" form) suggested they were indistinguishable from the early moults of some non-ornate bairdiids. No specimens were found in the Balcombe Clay, this outer shelf to epibathyal facies representing a depth of deposition which was spatially far removed from the environments containing these essentially shallow water forms.

One single (juvenile?) right valve of a *Papillatabairdia* species was recovered from the Middle Miocene of the Sherwood Marl. This species closely resembles the Recent species described by Bentley (1981), *Papillatabairdia dentata* and previously referred to as *Bythocypris* sp. (Hartmann-Schroeder & Hartmann 1978).

The presence of species from these two genera within the Victorian late Early to early Middle Miocene is an aecord with the tropical to subtropical elimatic affinities of the ostracode assemblages described for this period of deposition (McKenzie 1974, Whatley & Downing 1983, McKenzie & Peypouquet 1984). M. T. WARNE



Fig. 1-Map showing sample localitics. 1, 2, Batesford Limestone Quarry. 3, Manyung Rocks, Mornington. 4, Flinders. 5, Victorian Geological Survey Boreholc "Lang Lang 28".

The new species of "Paranesidea" vadum displays earapace characters that are taxonomically transitional between the two genera Paranesidea and Triebelina. Its generic allocation is therefore provisional. This problem is commonly encountered in bairdiid species as noted by van den Bold (1974), and highlights the difficulty in distinguishing generically forms which display carapace features that change gradually between genera and may not completely correlate with variations in the soft part anatomy of modern species of these genera.

The eonventions RV = right valve, LV = left valve, L = length, H = height, W = width are used throughout. Type specimens are housed in the F. A. Singleton Museum of the Geology Department at the University of Melbourne under the registered numbers MUGDFS 4164-MUGDFS 4179. Outcrop samples were approximately 0.5 kg dry weight.

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Family BAIRDHDAE Sars, 1888 Genus Paranesidea Maddocks, 1969 Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov. Figs 3 A-I, 4 A-B

ETYMOLOGY: The type locality is near the Barwon River, Fyansford, Vietoria.

MATERIAL: Seventy, both adult and juvenile, specimens from the Batesford Limestone, Fyansford and Sherwood Formations, Victoria.

DIAGNOSIS: Characterised by its short carapace, weak caudal extension and spinose anterior and posterior

margins on both left and right valves.

DESCRIPTION: Carapace robust, coarsely punetate, inflated, rotund, and moderately small for family. LV larger than RV and overlapping it. LV with symmetrically rounded anterior, straight anterodorsal and convex anteroventral slope; extremity at mid-height. Posteriorly LV with eonvex posterodorsal slope and weakly developed caudal extension well below mid-height. Anteriorly RV with straight anterodorsal slope and straight to slightly convex anteroventral slope. Posteriorly RV with straight posterodorsal slope, short convex posteroventral slope and caudal extension below mid-height. Dorsal margin highly arehed in LV, less so in RV. Maximum height at mid-length; maximum length just below midheight; maximum width distinctly ventral. Normal porc canals simple without rims, large and numerous. Inner lamellae moderately broad, inner margin more rounded than outer margin; vestibulum narrow; marginal pore canals simple, straight and numerous. Selvage prominent and sinuous ventrally. Hinge lophodont in adults; adont in juveniles. Anterior and posterior margins denticulate in both valves. Adductor muscle sears comprising eight to nine, occasionally divided, subrounded to elongate scars in an overall subrounded pattern. Sexual dimorphism pronounced with males being more elongate and less inflated in the ventral region than females.

DIMENSIONS: Holotype, male, MUGDFS 4164, L=0.74 mm, H=0.47 mm, W=0.43 mm. Paratype, LV, female, MUGDFS 4165, L=0.76 mm, H=0.49 mm. Paratype, RV, male, MUGDFS 4166,



Fig. 2-Correlation of stratigraphic units sampled in the Port Phillip and Western Port Basins and species ranges (box pattern=limestone; dots=marl or elay; open circles=calcareous sand; solid line=autochthonous; dashed line=allochthonous or uncertain). Loc. 1, Batesford Limestone and shallow water transitional units of Fyansford Clay (Fyansford Formation), below upper limit of *Lepidocyclina*, in the south-west face of the Batesford Limestone Quarry. Loc. 2, Deep water units of Fyansford Clay (Fyansford Formation) above upper limit of *Lepidocyclina* in the south-west face of the Batesford Limestone Quarry. Loc. 3, Balcombe Clay (Fyansford Formation) near Mornington. Loc. 4, Flinders Limestone (Sherwood Formation) near Flinders. Loc. 5, Sherwood Marl (Sherwood Formation) subsurface in the Victorian Geological Survey Borehole "Lang Lang 28".

L=0.68 mm, H=0.35 mm. Paratype, RV, female, MUGDFS 4167, L=0.74 mm, H=0.40 mm. Paratype, LV, female, MUGDFS 4168, L=0.75 mm, H=0.45 mm. Paratype, LV, male, MUGDFS 4169, L=0.73 mm, H=0.42 mm.

TYPE LOCALITY: Fyansford Clay in the Batesford Limestone Quarry near the base of the formation at this location (below upper limit of *Lepidocyclina*), one metre vertically above the contact with the Batesford Limestone, south-west face, near Fyansford, Victoria, 38°06'S, 144°17'E.

REMARKS: This species differs from many *Paranesidea* species in that it has a spinose rather than a frilled RV. *Paranesidea? albatrossa* Maddocks, 1969 has a smooth shell surface and almost straight ventral margin in RV. *Paranesidea hians* Malz, 1981 is unlike the new species in overall shape and position of maximum width. The new species has a significantly more sinuous anterior margin. *Paranesidea onslowensis* Hartmann-Schroeder and Hartmann, 1978 has a more strongly caudate LV, a frilled RV, and apparently lacks LV marginal spines. *Paranesidea attenuata* (Brady 1880) is more elongate and caudate. The new species is also present in the marly facies of the Muddy Creek Miocene, near Hamilton, Victoria (personal communication J. V. Neil 26-7-85).

GEOLOGICAL AGE: Batesfordian to Balcombian (N8-9), late Early to carly Middle Miocene.

#### Paranesidea epincritica sp. nov. Figs 3 J-M, 4 C-D

ETYMOLOGY: From epineritic-a reference to the presumed shallow water habitat of the species.

MATERIAL: Eight adult and six juvenile valves from the Batesford Limestone, Fyansford and Sherwood Formations, Victoria.

DIAGNOSIS: Characterised by its unusually elongate and narrow earapace.

DESCRIPTION: Thick shelled carapace of moderate size, elongate; ventral region slightly inflated; finely punetate. LV larger than RV and overlapping it. LV with asymmetrically rounded anterior, straight to slightly concave anterodorsal slope and convex anteroventral slope; extremity above mid-height. Posteriorly LV with slightly concave posterodorsal slope, very short convex posteroventral slope and weakly developed eaudal extension well below mid-height. RV with asymmetrically rounded anterior, but narrower than in LV with straight to slightly concave anterodorsal slope, convex anteroventral slope; extremity at mid-height. Posteriorly



RV with convex posterodorsal slope; short convex posteroventral slope and caudal extension below midheight. Dorsal margin straight in RV, gently arched in LV. Ventral margin straight in LV, slightly indented in RV. Maximum length above mid-height in LV; approximately at mid-height in RV. Maximum height anterior of mid-length. Maximum width distinctly ventral. Normal pore canals simple without rims, large and numerous. Inner lamellae of moderate size, inner margin subparallel to outer margin; vestibulum distinct, larger in the anterior than in the posterior. Marginal pore canals simple, straight and numerous. Selvage prominent and straight to gently sinuous in ventral region. Overall marginal denticulation is quite variable, occurring on the posteroventral and anteroventral slopes of both valves. Spines on well preserved juvenile specimens are generally long, pointed and fragile while those on adults are short, broad, rounded and more robust. Hinge lophodont in adults; adont in juveniles. Adductor muscle sears below mid-height and slightly anterior of mid-length comprising eight to nine subrounded to wedge-shape scars in a subrounded aggregate. Sexual dimorphism slight with males being more elongate than females which have a more rounded dorsal margin.

DIMENSIONS: Holotype, RV, female, MUGDFS 4170, L=0.85 mm, H=0.35 mm. Paratype, RV, juvenile?, MUGDFS 4171, L=0.80 mm, H=0.33 mm. Paratype, LV, juvenile?, MUGDFS 4172, L=0.80 mm, H=0.34 mm. Paratype, LV, female, MUGDFS 4173, L=0.85 mm, H=0.37 mm.

TYPE LOCALITY: Batesford Limestone in Batesford Limestonc Quarry one metre above base of Quarry, south-west face, near Fyansford, Victoria, 38°06'S, 144°17'E.

REMARKS: The marginal spinosity in this taxon is variable and sometimes absent. Absence is probably an effect of taphonomy, but variation in the degree of spinosity possibly correlates with physiological and environmental factors.

Intraspecific variation of marginal denticulation in the genus has been previously noted by van den Bold (1974). *P. epineritica* is unlike *P. barwonensis* which is less elongate and more coarsely punetate, and differs from the superficially similar figured but undescribed *Bairdia* sp. 179 (Hartmann 1981) in outline and marginal ornament. This new species is also present in the marly facies of the Muddy Creek Miocene, Hamilton, Victoria (personal communication J. V. Neil 26-7-85). Two juvenile? specimens from the Fyansford Clay (from type locality of *P. barwonensis*) are included as paratypes as these demonstrate the punctate ornament not shown by the abraded adults from linestone facies.

GEOLOGICAL AGE: Batesfordian to Balcombian (N8-9), late Early to early Middle Miocene.

#### "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov. Figs 3 N-S, 4 E-F, H-M

ETYMOLOGY: Vadum (Latin) – shallow water, a reference to the presumed shallow water habitat of the species.

MATERIAL: Twenty-eight adults and late stage juveniles from the Batesford Limestone, Fyansford and Sherwood Formations.

DIAGNOSIS: Charaeteriscd by a triebclinan shape (subquadrate) but without distinct ridges or swellings on lateral surface.

DESCRIPTION: Carapace small, vcry robust, coarsely punctate, almost equivalved and subquadrate in lateral outline. LV slightly larger than RV. LV with acutely rounded anterior, straight anterodorsal slope and convex anteroventral slope, extremity at mid-height. Posteriorly LV with posterodorsal slope concave, posteroventral slope convex and caudal extension below mid-height. Dorsal margin straight, ventral margin concave. RV similar in outline to LV excepting it is more elongate, more caudate, and has a pronounced indentation of the ventral margin. Maximum length slightly below mid-height; maximum height at mid-length, maximum width below mid-height in ventral region and approximately equal to the width of the carapace in the slightly swollen posterodorsal region of the LV (see below).

Fig. 3-A, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., male, lateral view of entire carapaee, ×54, MUGDFS 4164 (Holotype). B, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., male, dorsal view of entire carapaee, × 51, MUGDFS 4164 (Holotype). C, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., female, external LV, ×50, MUGDFS 4165 (Paratype). D, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., male, external RV, ×54, MUGDFS 4166 (Paratype). E, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., female, internal RV, ×51, MUGDFS 4167 (Paratype). F, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., male, musele sear RV,  $\times 210$ , MUGDFS 4166 (Paratype). G, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., female, internal LV,  $\times 48$ , MUGDFS 4168 (Paratype). H, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., male, internal LV, ×52, MUGDFS 4169 (Paratype). 1, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., female, surface ornament and normal pore canals LV, ×450, MUGDFS 4165 (Paratype). J, Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov., external RV juvenile?, × 53, MUGDFS 4171 (Paratype). K, Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov., female, internal RV, ×49, MUGDFS 4170 (Holotype). L, Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov., external LV juvenile?, ×55, MUGDFS 4172 (Paratype). M, Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov., fcmale, internal LV, ×55, MUGDFS 4173 (Paratype). N, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., female, external LV, ×49, MUGDFS 4175 (Paratype). O, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., male, internal LV, ×50, MUGDFS 4176 (Paratype). P, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., malc, external RV,  $\times$  48, MUGDFS 4177 (Paratype). Q, "*Paranesidea*" vadum sp. nov., female, internal RV,  $\times$  48, MUGDFS 4178 (Paratype). R, "*Paranesidea*" vadum sp. nov., male, ventral view of entire carapace,  $\times$  56, MUGDFS 4174 (Holotype). S, "*Paranesidea*" vaduut sp. nov., male, dorsal view of entire earapace,  $\times$  50, MUGDFS 4174 (Holotype). T, *Papillatabairdia* sp. cf. *dentata* external RV,  $\times$  70, MUGDFS 4179. U, Papillatabairdia sp. ef. dentata, surface ornament RV, ×700, MUGDFS 4179.

The ventral region of both valves is longitudinally but indistinctly swollen with slight increases in degree posteroventrally and anteroventrally, the former being greater than the latter. No distinct ventrolateral carina is developed. Slight posterodorsal swelling present; greater in LV than RV. Lateral surface region anterior of postcrodorsal swelling is very greatly depressed in some specimens from the mid-dorsum down to mid-length of ventrolateral swelling. This ornamental feature (depression) is only visible in dorsal and ventral perspectives of adult males, adult females being also inflated in the midcarapace region, hence obscuring the very subtle undulations present in the male. Inner lamellae large in relation to overall size; inner margin subparallel to outer margin; vestibule narrow. Marginal pore canals simple without rims, large and numerous. Selvage prominent and sinuous ventrally. Hinge lophodont in adults; adont in juveniles. Stout spines on the posteroventral and anteroventral margins of both valves. Adductor muscle scar complex consisting of eight to nine occasionally divided, subrounded to elongate scars in a subcircular aggregate. Presumed sexual dimorphism slight but detectable, in that the females tend to be higher, have a steeper posterodorsal slope and are slightly more swollen in the mid-carapace region than the males, which are relatively more elongate.

DIMENSIONS: Holotype, male, MUGDFS 4174, L=0.65 mm, H=0.35 mm, W=0.27 mm. Paratype, LV, female, MUGDFS 4175, L=0.66 mm, H=0.36 mm. Paratype, LV, male, MUGDFS 4176, L=0.65 mm, H=0.35 mm. Paratype, RV, male, MUGDFS 4177, L=0.64 mm, H=0.29 mm. Paratype, RV, female, MUGDFS 4178, L=0.66 mm, H=0.31 mm.

TYPE LOCALITY: Fyansford Clay in Batesford Limestone Quarry, near the base of the formation at this location (below upper limit of *Lepidocyclina*), one metre vertically above the contact with the Batesford Limestone, south-west face, near Fyansford, Victoria, 38°06'S, 144°17'E.

REMARKS: This species differs from Paranesidea sp. (van den Bold 1974) which has a gently arched dorsal margin and is less caudate. It is unlike Bairdia sp. (Allison & Holden 1971) which is more elongate, less caudate and has an evenly rounded lateral surface. Paranesidea parva Hartmann-Schroeder and Hartmann, 1978 differs in having among other distinctive features, a higher posterior extremity and a more rotund shape. In general, this new taxon contrasts with species belonging to the genus Triebelina originally described by van den Bold (1946) because these have a stronger surface ornament often with a disinct ventrolateral carina. However, the subtly developed undulations and swellings on the male carapace of the new species perhaps tend towards the surface ornament of some Triebelina species such as Triebelina boldi Keij. Significantly one cluster of Triebelina species (Keij 1974) having relatively long carapaces and weakly or only partially developed ventrolateral carinae, and including T. boldi as well as T. reticulopunctata, T. howei, T. crumena and T. bradyi,



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Fig. 4–A, Paranesidea barwoncnsis sp. nov., RV muscle scar, ×200, MUGDFS 4167 (Paratype). B, Paranesidea barwonensis sp. nov., LV muscle scar, ×200, MUGDFS 4169 (Paratype). C, Paranesidea epineritica sp. nov., RV muscle sear, ×205, MUGDFS 4170 (Holotype). D, Parancsidea epineritica sp. nov., LV muscle sear, ×205, MUGDFS 4173 (Paratype). E, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., RV muscle scar, ×195, MUGDFS 4178 (Paratype). F, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., LV musele scar, ×195, MUGDFS 4176 (Paratype). G, Papillatabairdia sp. cf., deutata, internal RV, ×98, MUGDFS 4179. H, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., dorsal, male, ×86, MUGDFS 4174 (Holotype). 1, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., ventral, male, ×86, MUGDFS 4174 (Holotype). J, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., opsterior, male, ×65, MUGDFS 4174 (Holotype). K, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., anterior, male, ×67, MUGDFS 4178 (Paratype). M, "Paranesidea" vadum sp. nov., anterior, female, RV, ×67, MUGDFS 4178 (Paratype).

were considered by Keij to be the closest morphological group to Paranesidea. Furthermore, the very small robust carapace of this new species together with its subquadrate outline is more akin to taxa belonging to Triebelina than to Paranesidea, especially in the context of Maddocks' (1969) definitions. Nevertheless, the viewpoint of van den Bold (1974), in which he questioned the significance of, and therefore altered the emphasis on, diagnostic triebclinan features, is accepted in this paper. Van den Bold concluded that only those forms with distinct ridges and swellings should be allocated to Triebelina. This new species is therefore placed under Paranesidea, although morphologically transitional towards Triebelina. The recorded biostratigraphie distribution of strongly ornamented Indo-Pacifie bairdiids (i.e. Triebelina sensu van den Bold and Keij) begins in the Late Miocene indicated by T. sertata from the Philippines and T. bradyi from the Fijian Islands (Keij 1973). Although earlier occurrences have been doeumented outside this region (Keij 1974), it is not until post-Middle Miocene times that distinct Triebelina forms become evident within the Indo-Pacific region. The placement of this new Middle Miocene species under Paranesidea therefore accords with the stratigraphic framework. The general trend towards inereasing distribution upsequence of heavily ornate bairdiids such as *Triebelina* in the region is also reflected in the records of Havanardia and Pterobairdia (Keij 1973, 1976, McKenzie & Keij 1977).

This new species is also present in the marly facies of the Muddy Creek Mioeene, Hamilton, Victoria (personal communication J. V. Neil 26-7-85).

GEOLOGICAL AGE: Batesfordian to Balcombian (N8-9), late Early to early Middle Miocene.

#### Genus Papillatabairdia Bentley, 1981 Papillatabairdia sp. cf. dentata Bentley, 1981 Figs 3 T-U, 4 G.

MATERIAL: One RV from the Middle Miocene Sherwood Formation (marly facies) in the Geological Survey of Victoria borehole "Lang Lang" 28 between the intervals 72 and 74 metres from the surface.

DIMENSIONS: RV, juvenile? MUGDFS 4179, L=0.53 mm, H=0.29 mm.

REMARKS: Small reasonably thick shelled papillate form with a truncated posterior. Differs from *Papillatabairdia dentata* Bentley, 1981 in being smaller, more elongate, having a less rounded posterior, higher anterior extremity and greater cardinal angle between the dorsal and anterodorsal margins. The significance of these differences may be no more than an indication of juvenility.

GEOLOGICAL AGE: Middle Miocene.

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